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LONDON FOR ALDRICH

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SUBJECT: PRG ISSUE AT LOW CONFERENCE: POSITIONS OF THREE AFRICAN STATES

1. GVN DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO PERSUADE AFRICAN STATES TO VOTE AGAINST THE PRG IN THE LOW CONFERENCE TOOK A HOPEFUL TURN JANUARY 28 AS THE REPRESENTATIVES IN GENEVA OF ZAIRE AND THE IVORY COAST TOLD GVN AMBASSADOR LOI THAT THEY WOULD SUPPORT HIM ON THE PROCEDURAL QUESTION. ACCORDING TO THE GVN MISSION, THE DECISION OF THE IVORY COAST REPRESENTATIVE WAS BASED EXPLICITLY ON THAT OF ZAIRE.

2. ALSO ENCOURAGING IS THE POSITION OF UPPER VOLTA.

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AMBASSADOR MENSAH HAS NOT ARRIVED IN GENEVA, BUT THE GVN

AMBASSADOR IN BONN HAS REPORTED THAT MENSAH IS FAVORABLY INCLINED. THE GVN AMBASSADOR IN BONN REPORTS FURTHER THAT THE UPPER VOLTA FOREIGN MINISTER, RATHER THAN MENSAH, WILL HEAD THEIR DELEGATION.

3. COMMENT: THE ABOVE OPTIMISTIC SIGNS ARE BY NO MEANS FIRM. WE WILL FOLLOW THE POSITIONS OF THESE THREE COUNTRIES CLOSELY. EMBASSIES KINSHASA, ABIDJAN, AND OUAGADOUGOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO VERIFY THAT THESE EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT HAVING THE BLESSING OF THE HOME GOVERNMENTS. OUAGADOUGOU 122 SUGGESTS THAT SUCH IN THE CASE FOR UPPER VOLTA.DALE

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